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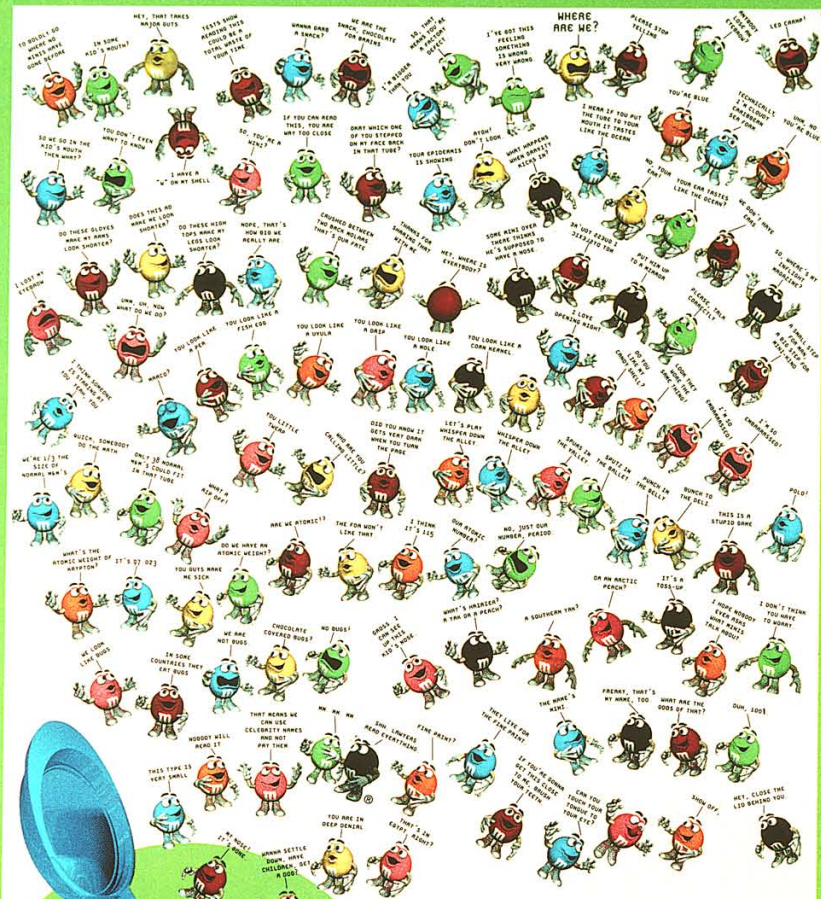
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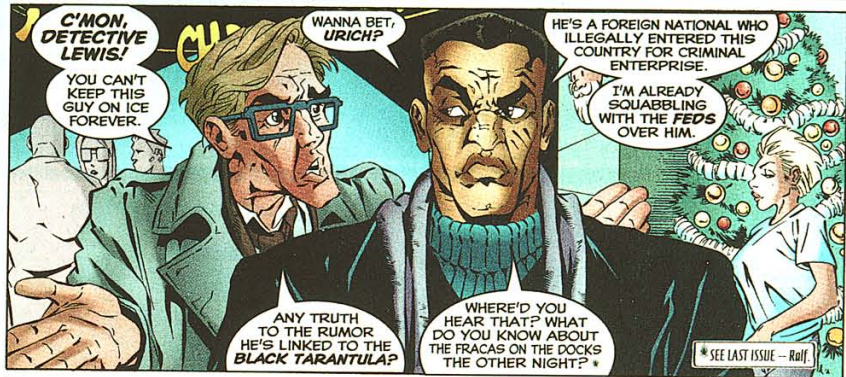


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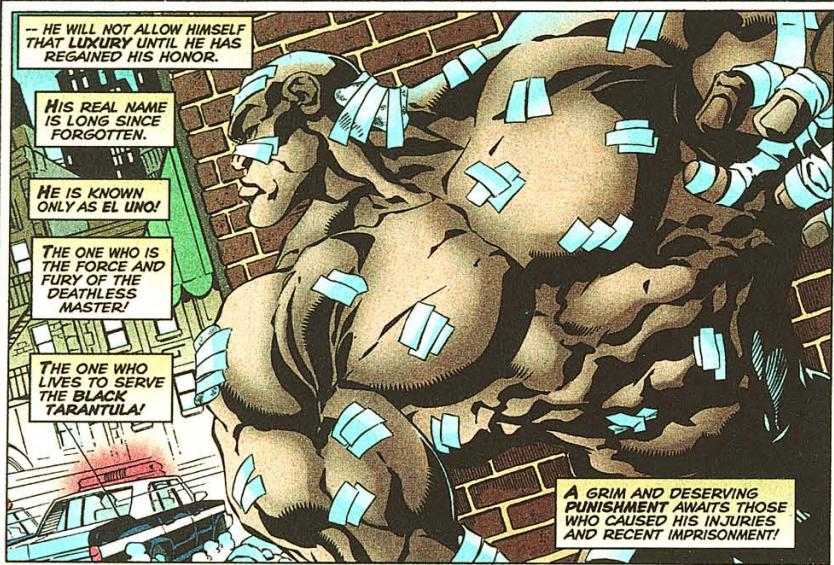
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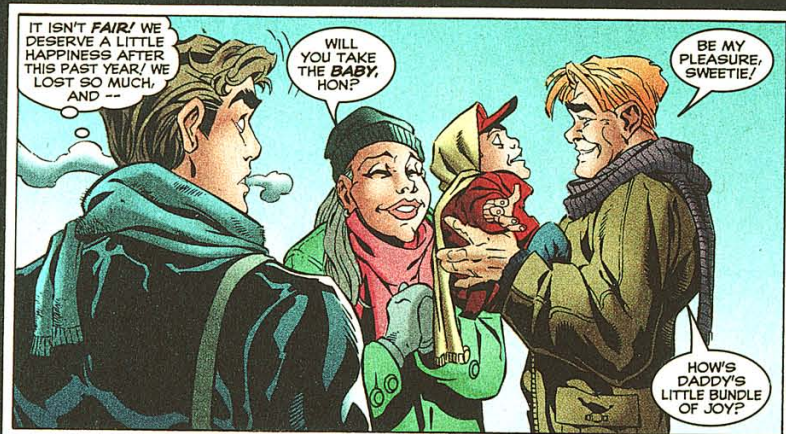
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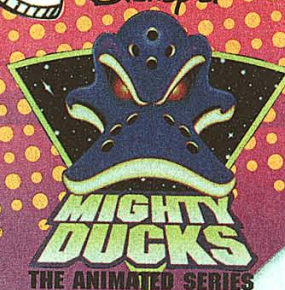
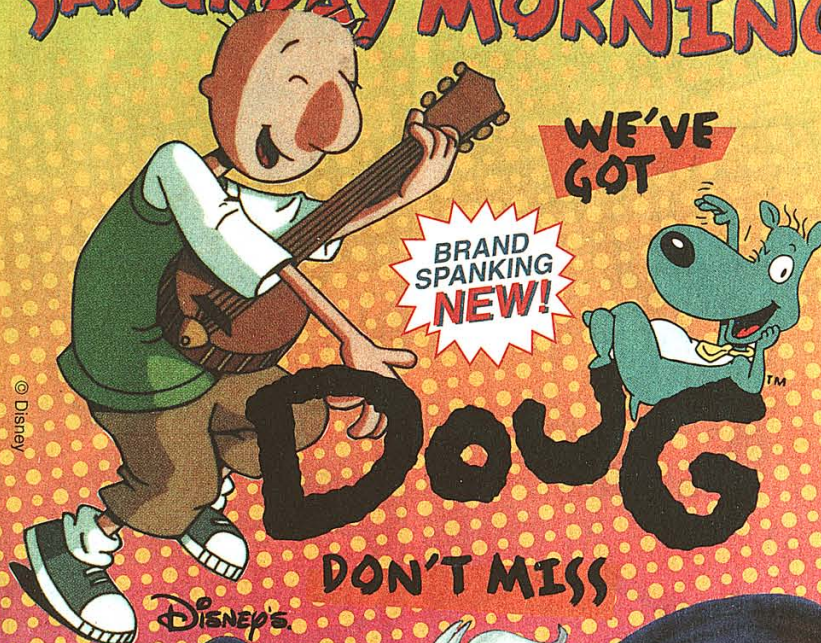
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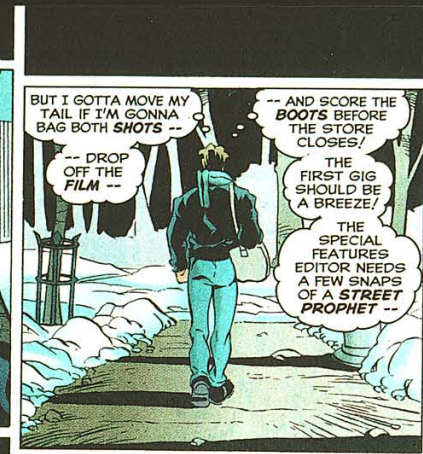
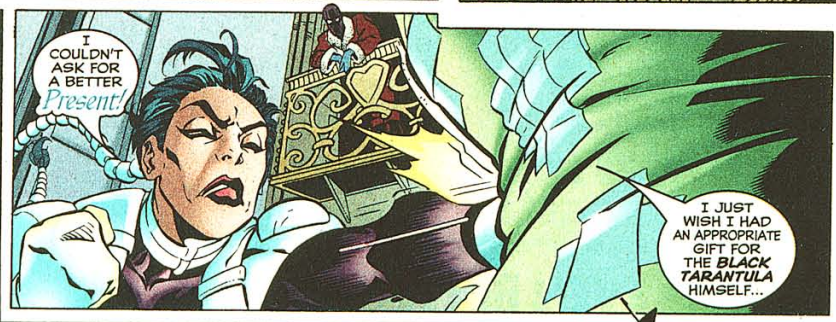


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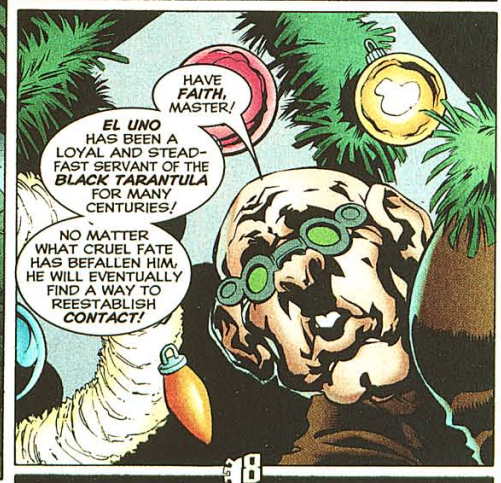
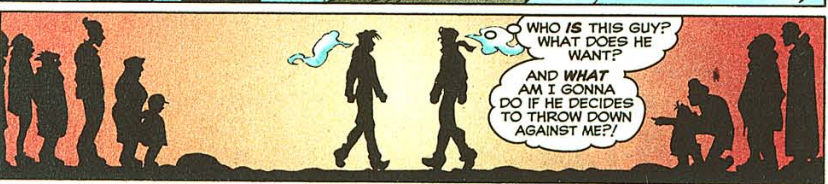
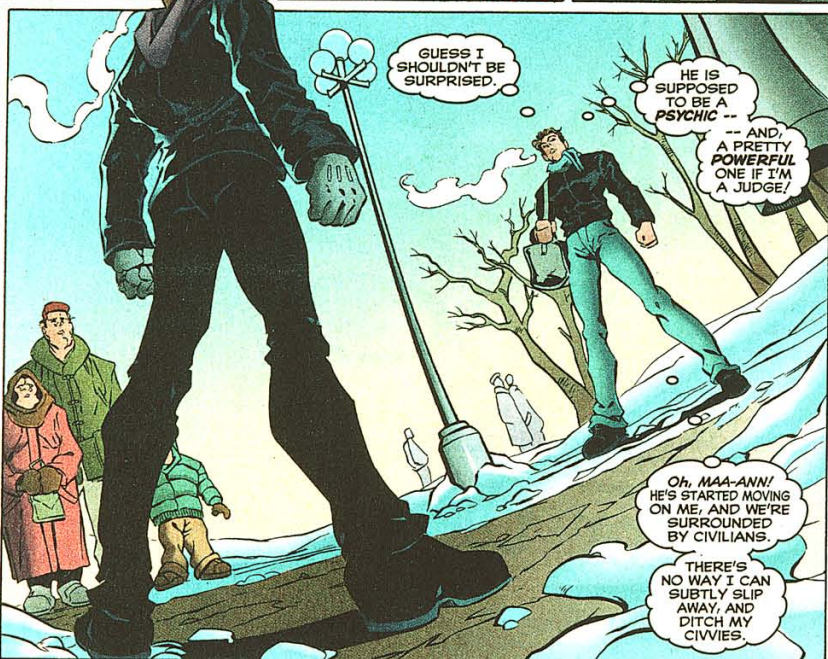
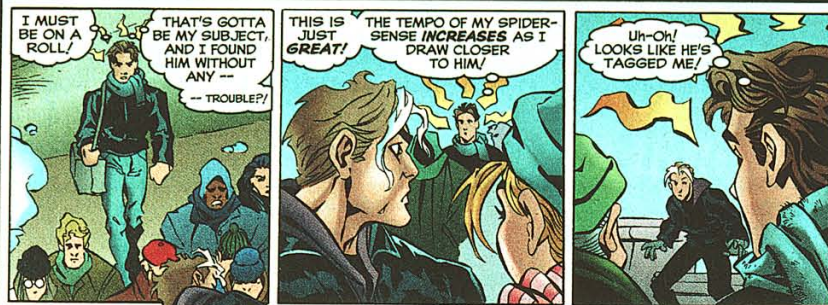
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| ☐ CAM Captain America | ☐ IRM Iron Man |

Marvel Heroes

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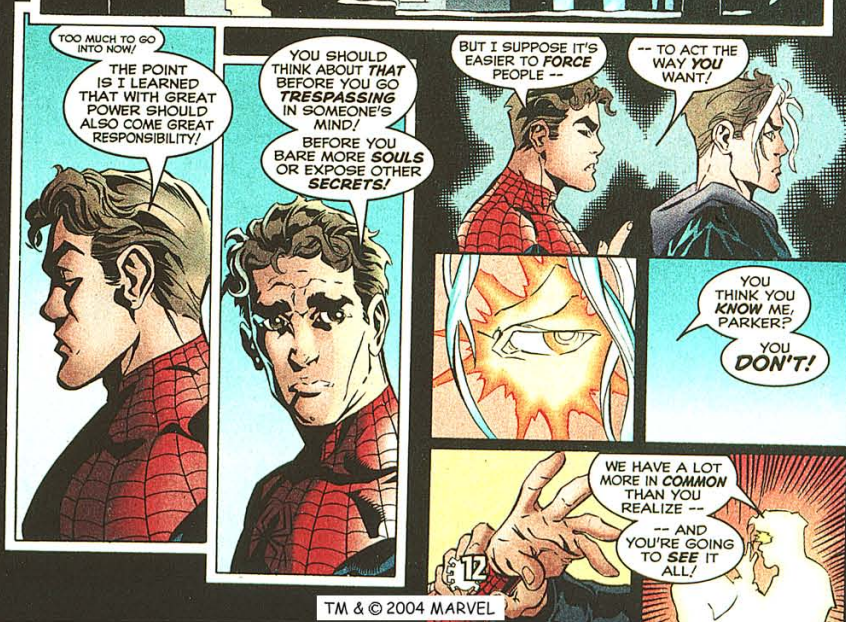
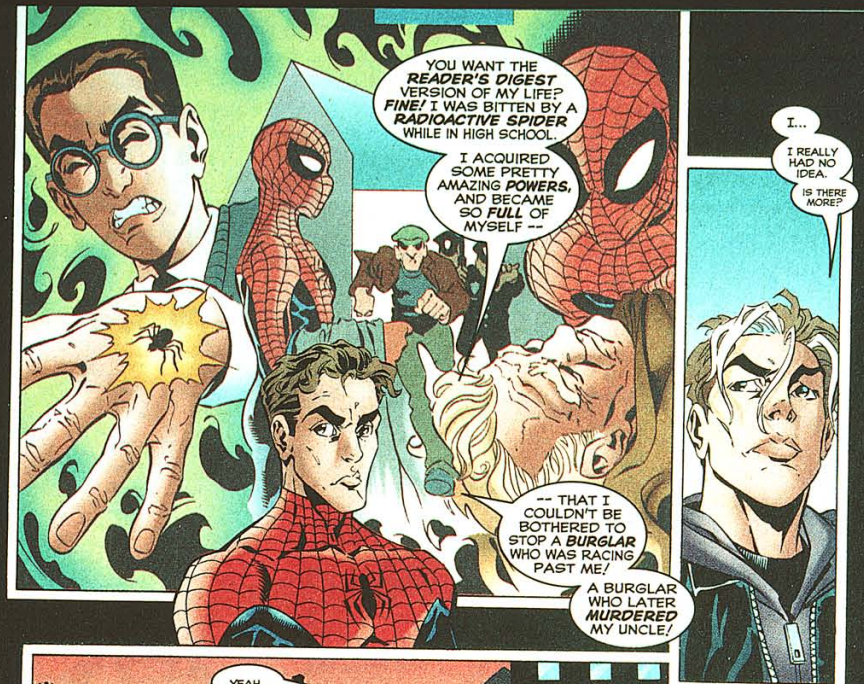
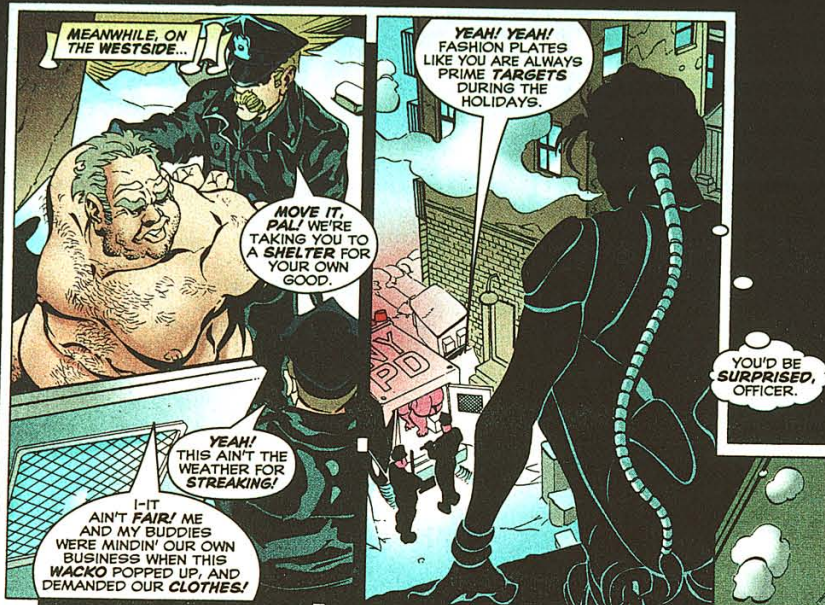
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WH-WHERE
ARE WE, NATE?

IN MY MIND,
PETER! YOU'RE
EXPERIENCING MY
MOST VIVID MEMORIES
OF THE WORLD I
CAME FROM!

Y-YOU'RE FROM
SOME KIND
OF PARALLEL
UNIVERSE?

I SUPPOSE
THAT'S WHAT IT
WOULD SEEN TO
YOU. TO ME, IT
WAS SIMPLY
HOME!

A PLANET
WHICH WAS
RULED -- AND
EVENTUALLY
DESTROYED --
BY A TYRANT!

THESE IMAGES -- I THEY SEEM
SO HAUNTINGLY FAMILIAR, LIKE
DISTORTED, FUN HOUSE MIRROR
VERSIONS OF MY OWN NIGHTMARES!



I'D HATE TO
THINK THAT SUCH
AN ABERRATION
COULD HAVE
ACTUALLY
EXISTED.

AND YET,
ON SOME
INSTINCTIVE
LEVEL, I KNOW
IT DID!

FOLLOW
ME, PETER...

WHAT'S
THIS?

IT'S WHERE
EVERYTHING
CHANGED FOR ME,
AND I LEARNED MY
OWN LESSON ABOUT
RESPONSIBILITY!

T-THAT
MAN IN YOUR
ARMS ---?!

HIS
NAME WAS
FORGE, AND FOR
ALL INTENTS,
HE WAS MY
FATHER!

WHEN HE
DIED, I IGNORED
EVERYTHING HE
HAD TAUGHT
ME --

-- AND
ALLOWED
MYSELF TO BE
EXPLOITED!

I LATER
LEARNED THAT
THE MAN WHO
WAS USING
ME --

-- WAS
THE SAME
ONE WHO HAD
KILLED
FORGE!

LIKE YOU,
PETER, I KNOW
ALL ABOUT PAIN
AND GUILT --

-- AND I
ALSO FAILED
TO SAVE
SOMEONE
I LOVED!

Uh... WE
GOT OFF TO
A REAL BAD
START,
NATE.

LET'S TRY
AGAIN!

I'VE
GOT A FEW
ERRANDS
TO RUN.
CARE TO JOIN
ME?

WE
CAN TALK
ON THE WAY!



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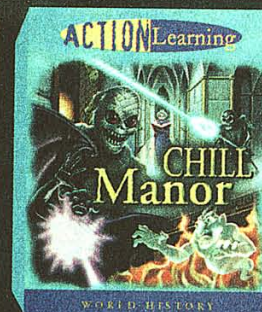
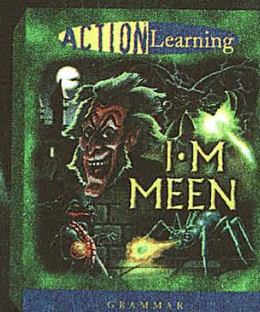
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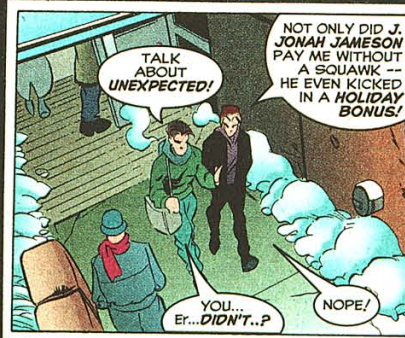
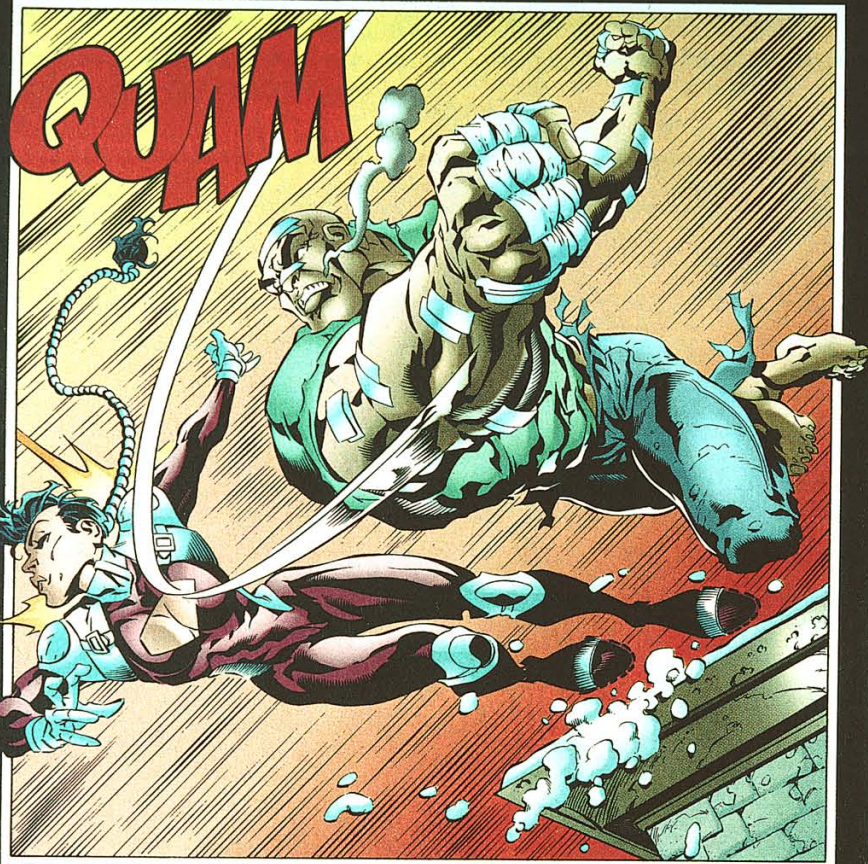


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Remember the "Age of Apocalypse" storyline, which rocked the X-Men line of books a couple of years ago and gave us X-MAN and the Dark Beast? Well, get ready then for TALES OF THE AGE OF APOCALYPSE, a 48-page one-shot on sale next week, which gives you the chance to return to the alternate Earth ruled by the evil Darwinist despot, Apocalypse!

X-Editor Mark Powers tells us, "In this story, we see the beginnings of *Prelate Summers'* questioning of Apocalypse's regime. We also see *Blink's* first active duty with the alternate X-Men, and the return of another AGE OF APO-

ALYPSE fave, *Morph!*" And if that's not enough, there's also a twisted version of the *Inhumans*, further mutated by exposure to the *Terrigen Mists*, by none other than *Maximus the Mad!* And thrown in for good measure are *Diablo* and the *Absorbing Man*, who gets to take on the alternate *Magneto!* Sounds like this magnum opus is gonna be positively jam-packed with stuff!

Written by Scott Lobdell and Ralph Macchio with the awe-inspiring artwork of Joe Bennett and Joe Pimentel, TALES OF THE AGE OF APOCALYPSE, to quote Mark, "is a fun story that gives even more background to the alternate reality that's had such a profound effect on the X-Men books!" And it's all yours in just seven days!

THE GREEN GOBLIN TELLS ALL!

He made his momentous comeback during the recent four-part REVELATIONS storyline in the Spider-Man books, but many questions were left unanswered when the smoke cleared and the clone saga was officially ended! Now, the full story behind the return of Norman Osborn - the original Green Goblin - is finally revealed in SPIDER-MAN: THE OSBORN JOURNAL, a 32-page one-shot, on sale next week and told from Norman's own point of view!

According to JOURNAL writer Glenn Greenberg, "This book lets us in on what Norman has been doing since his supposed death way back in the milestone AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #121! It answers all the questions raised by or not answered in REVELATIONS. It traces the last 23 years of Spider-Man continuity, from the point of view of the man most responsible for it! You can expect to learn how Norman was really connected to such notable figures as the Jackal, Scorpion, Judas Traveller and Gaunt! And with Kyle Hotz doing the penciling, you can bet your plunkin' bombs that this book is gonna have a unique look all its own! "We're really getting into Norman's mind in this book," Glenn explains, "and Kyle is the perfect guy to depict a place as scary as that!"

Serving as a prologue and companion piece to REVELATIONS, and the final word on the recently-ended clone era, SPIDER-MAN: THE OSBORN JOURNAL is a must-read for any serious Spider-phil! And if you're wondering if Glenn will be true to the character of Norman Osborn, his boss, editor Tom Brevoort, tells us, "Glenn practically is Norman!" Just don't ask to see the scar on his chest!

TALES OF THE AGE OF APOCALYPSE Because you demanded it - a return to the Age of Apocalypse! We revisit one of the most interesting and intriguing locales created in the X-Universe and focus on two of its most popular characters, *Morph* and *Blink!* By Scott Lobdell, Ralph Macchio and Joe Bennett!

WHAT IF? #94 Spotlight on the Juggernaut! In this tale, Juggernaut finds himself in a world where no one fears or hates him! By Jorge Gonzalez and James Calafiori!

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ONSLAUGHT: BOOK SIX In the cataclysmic

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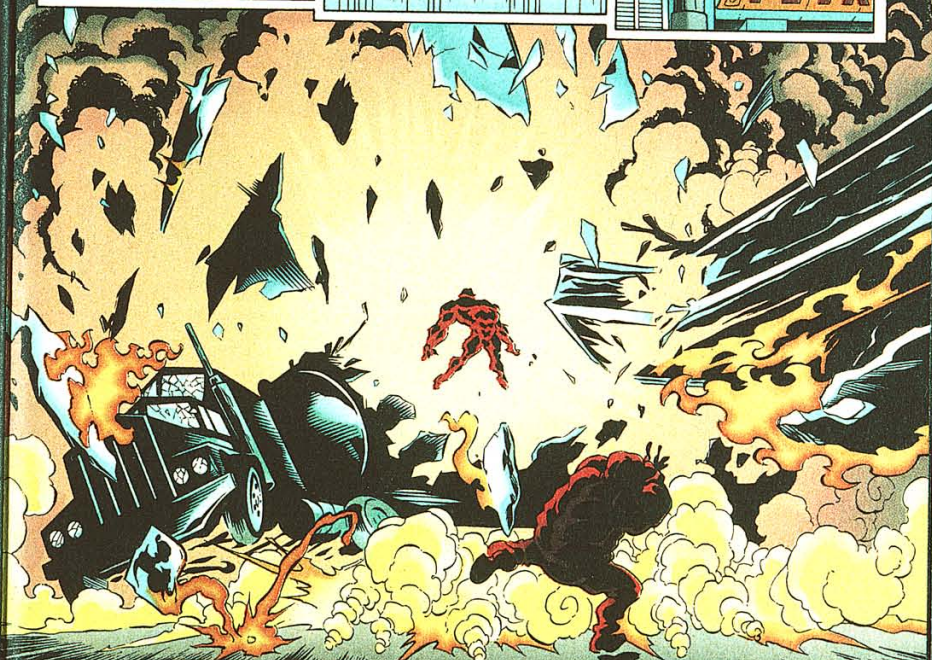
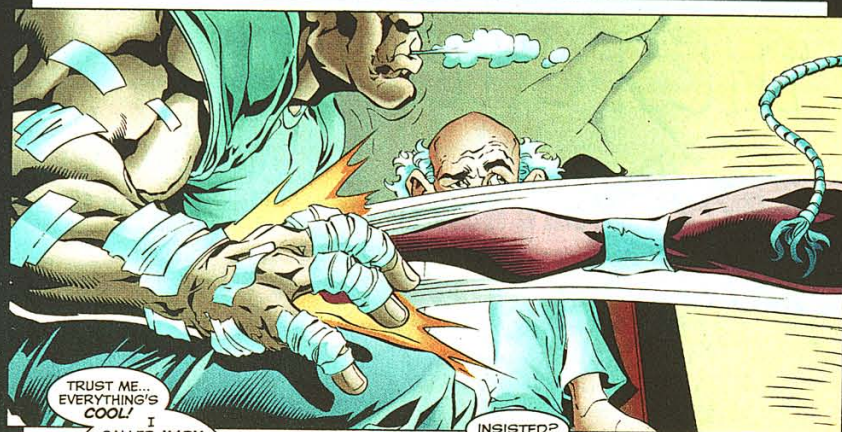
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I CAME TO WISH YOU MY VERY BEST FOR THE HOLIDAYS, AND THE COMING NEW YEAR!

A-AUNT MAY --?!

IS IT REALLY YOU?!

WAKE UP, PETER.



You blasted your way
 through an onslaught of
 undead marines and
 hell-spawned hordes in
 Doom, Ultimate Doom and
 Doom II. Now you can **MM**
 retire, right? Wrong.
 Seems flesh-eating mutants
 have the mortality rate
 of a cockroach and are
 alive and kicking in Final
 Doom—the last of the **MI**
 legendary Doom products.
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 episodes complete with
 new stories (Evolution
 & The Plutonia Experiment),
 new frighteningly realistic
 graphics and now pulse-
MM
 pounding music. It's time
 to finish what you started.

**OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE,
 THEY JUST TURN INTO
 BLOODTHIRSTY**

MUTANT ZOMBIES

MIDWAY id PLAYSTATION

FINAL
DOOM
End of story



OF COURSE NOT, PETER.

THIS IS ONLY A DREAM... BUT YOU CAN STILL TELL ME WHAT'S BEEN BOTHERING YOU!

I-IT'S ABOUT THE BABY...

... I JUST CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF FOR NOT BEING WITH MARY JANE WHEN... WHEN...



IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT! THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD HAVE DONE!

THAT'S WHAT OUR THERAPIST KEEPS SAYING, BUT...

LISTEN TO HER, PETER! YOU KNOW IN YOUR HEART THAT'S SHE'S TELLING YOU THE TRUTH.



AND YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT THE BABY ANYMORE.

LITTLE MAY IS SAFE... AND HAPPY.

YOU AND MARY JANE WILL BE REUNITED WITH HER SOMEDAY.

T-THANK YOU, AUNT MAY...



THANK YOU!



YOU'RE WELCOME, PETER.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



SOMEWHERE IN ARGENTINA...

ANY WORD FROM EL UNO?

NOT YET, MASTER... BUT THIS PACKAGE ARRIVED FROM THE STATES.

I TRUST IT HAS ALREADY BEEN SCANNED AND CLEARED BY OUR EXPLOSIVE EXPERTS.

OF COURSE. SHALL I OPEN IT?

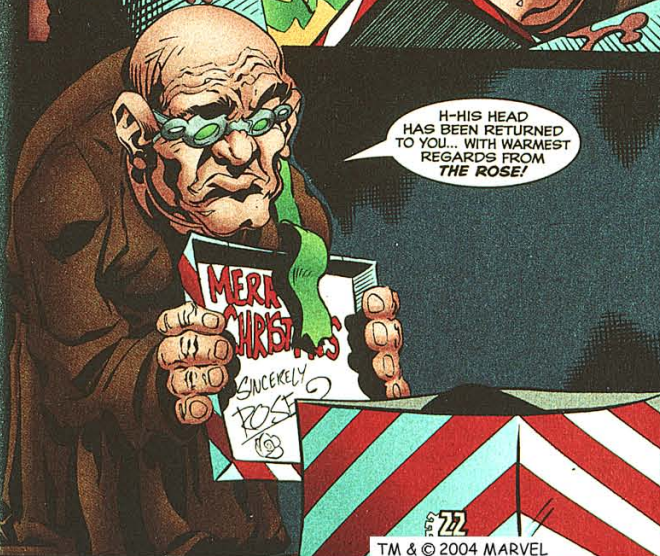


IS SOMETHING WRONG, CHESBRO? WHAT DOES THE PACKAGE CONTAIN --?!

A CHRISTMAS WREATH MADE OF ROSES, AND --

-- Oh, GOD! --

I-IT'S EL UNO!



H-HIS HEAD HAS BEEN RETURNED TO YOU... WITH WARMEST REGARDS FROM THE ROSE!





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Dear Spider's Web,

I immensely enjoyed AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #415. I think one of the aspects I was most impressed with was the utilization of the crews of both the Daily Bugle and the Daily Grind. Now this is the J. Jonah Jameson I like to see. The grumpy newsman. The "We've got to get the news out" JJJ. Cool!

It was good to see a moment between Shirley and Devon. I was really touched to see Shirley explain the concept of guardian angels to her jaded little boy.

I hope to see more of the terrific Spidey supporting cast. They are as much the reason that I read the Spider-Man titles as old Webhead himself. The interaction between both Peter and Ben with their friends is humorous and often heartwarming. A return by Flash Thompson is most welcome. That's all for now. Thanks.

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Glad you liked the ish, Angie! If you like the portrayal of Jolly Jonah as a tough, crusading journalist, make sure you catch his recent appearances in various X-books, where he's been sniffing around in the past of a certain incendiary presidential candidate. And as for our ever-popular supporting cast, we couldn't agree with your assessment more. And just around the corner, as they enter a new phase of their lives, you'll be seeing Peter and Mary Jane meet a whole new slew of cast members. Even more than will join Saturday Night Live this season! Hope you like 'em just as well. We sure do.

Dear Spider's Web,

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #415 was great! I love that first picture we see of a Sentinel—it's the best picture of a Sentinel I've ever seen! And I'm glad to see that Peter is out of the hospital. I was getting worried about him.

I have a few questions that have boggled my mind since reading ASM #415:

1) The Sentinel said something about the secondary life form inside Mary Jane being beyond embryonic normalcy. Does that mean that Peter and MJ's baby is going to be a mutant?

2) On page 23, the Green Goblin is fighting a Sentinel. Is that a sign that he's going to help Spider-Man defeat the Sentinels?

Until Spider-Man starts wrapping bugs in little cocoons, Make Mine Marvel!

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We're not quite sure what

you meant by that last comment, there, Micah, but we can pass along that Peter was very touched by your concern about his health situation. As for your questions:

1) It doesn't seem like we're liable to know too much about the status of little May...for now, anyway. But you never know which rabbit we're going to pull out of which hat over here at the House of Ideas, so we're just gonna remain tight-lipped on this one for a while.

2) As you've seen by now, Micah, while the two never fought side-by-side against the Sentinel invasion, both Spidey and the Phil Ulrich Green Goblin had an indispensable role in protecting their city. Pretty classy ending note for the hippest, happeningest hero of the '90s to go out on, eh?

Dear Spider's Web,

Recently, I got back into comics after an eight-year layoff, and boy, am I glad I did! After reading all that's been going on lately, I can't believe I missed eight years of Spidey. Anyway, the main reason I came back was because I had heard that Peter Parker was going to give up being everyone's favorite web-slinger, and had to find out for myself. I have to admit, I was pretty disappointed about his departure. I kept reading through the Scarlet Spider phase because I knew that you couldn't leave the world's greatest superhero on the shelf for too long. As the months went by, I really warmed up to Ben Reilly's character. You guys did a superb job at giving Ben his own identity. Hats off!

I just finished reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #415 and must say that Mark Bagley's art was breathtaking! He is truly a very talented artist. I understand that he will be leaving AMAZING—does he have anything planned for the near future? Anyway, getting back to issue #415, I think Peter just can't stay away from the action. I mean, his powers aren't reliable at all and yet he's still giving all he's got against the Sentinels! Seeing him risk everything without reliable powers really shows that web-slinging is truly where his heart is. Isn't he worried that someone will see him sticking to walls without something concealing his identity?

2) On page 23, I'd like to say keep up the great work, and until a clone of Elvis shows up in the Daily Grind, Make Mine Marvel!

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Welcome back to the ranks of the comic reader, Bob. We missed you. Hopefully you're back for the long haul, and we're sure you'll want to be after you

sample the scintillating Spidey stories we've got swinging your way. As for Mr. Bagley, yes, we're sorry to see him go, too. But never fear, Mark will be collaborating with top-scribe Kurt Busiek on THUNDERBOLTS, which tells the tales of the team that rises to fill the void left in the post-Onslaught Marvel Universe. You should see them popping up all over (like in INCREDIBLE HULK #449, for instance) on their way to their own #1 issue, winging its way to you in February!

Dear clones of the real Spider-staff,

I've finally decided to reveal this startling information: Ben is the clone!!!!

Either the writers planned to have Pete and Ben fooled for a while, or they slipped up and forgot one thing: Kraven the Hunter.

Our Hunter foe fought Spidey way before the Jackal and the clone did, and fought him enough times to memorize his scent. He also fought Spidey after the original clone battle.

In the "Web of Life" crossover, Ben said that the Grim Hunter knew the Scarlet Spider wasn't Spidey because of a different pheromone output, or scent—which means either Kraven was remarkably stupid or the real Spidey won the clone fight.

On a final note, I'm glad Peter got his powers back, and I can't wait to see him in costume. Maybe Onslaught will kill Ben, giving Pete his chance.

So, like the past five years, don't just Make Mine Marvel, Make Mine Peter Parker.

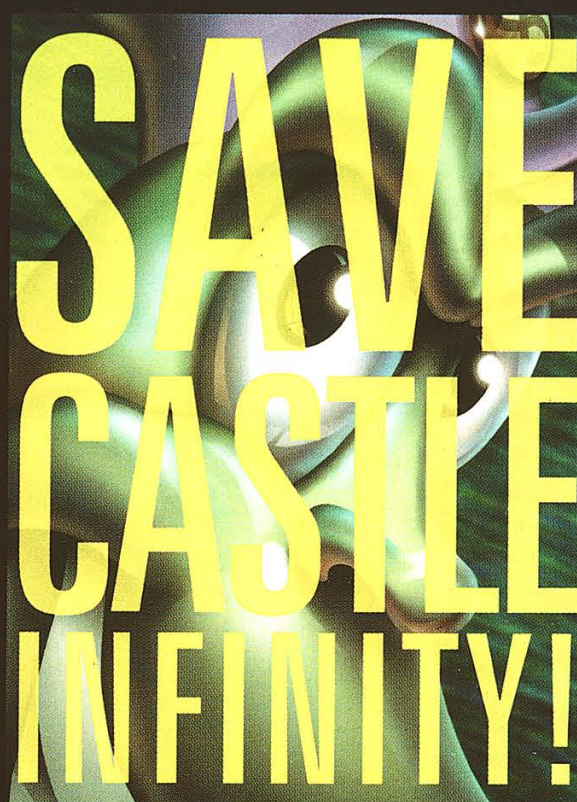
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Okay, Matt, you twisted our arm...Peter's back, and by the way, good reasoning! We won't reveal whether or not our trusty band of writers actually planned that Grim Hunter red herring, but we're glad to have alert readers, such as yourself, to catch such subtle hints! It makes the job that much more rewarding to have our carefully crafted cryptic clues recognized once in a while (even if we didn't exactly mean to... y'know...ah, just forget it). Regardless, we're just happy to take the credit!

NEXT ISSUE:

Introducing: The deadly Dragonfly! The mysterious new Spidey-foe who's like no one you've ever seen! And what other startling new Spider-Man foe is she intimately connected with? Be here next time and all will be revealed!

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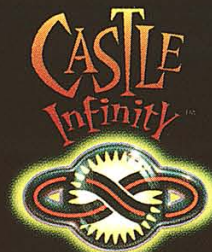


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